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In re application of: Robert Miller et al. : Date: March 12, 2004  
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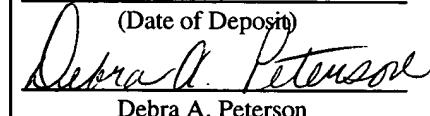
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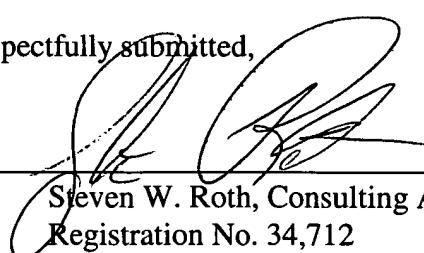


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